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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 April 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 21-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 21 and 25-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 22-24 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Amendment and response filed by applicants dated April 4, 2007 have been entered and considered carefully.

Claims 1-20, 27-40 have been canceled.

Claims 21-26 are pending.

2. The rejection of claims 21, 25-28 under 35 USC 112 second paragraph is maintained for claim 21 with additional rejection as explained below, but dropped for claims 25-28 in view of the amendment.

The explanation about ketone linkage is not persuasive. Linkage via a ketone group, which is a bivalent moiety, is not always equivalent to an alkyl/aryl-carbonyl, i.e. see Morrison and Boyd attached. It is unclear what this bonding arrangement should be since there is no example for this linkage, and pages 35-39 process of making does not support the described "ketone" bondage.

An oversight was observed and hereby rejected. In claim 21, R1 is M-R4 and R4 is defined being 1-3 $-(C_1-C_6)alkyl-N(R^{21})SO_2R^{22}$. Later in the claims M was defined to be an "aryl *optionally* substituted with R4" wherein said aryl is phenyl". The claimed scope is ambiguous and indefinite because the definitions are self conflicting. Since M-R4 is the moiety, and R4 can not be hydrogen, M cannot be "optionally" substituted but must always be substituted by at least one R4.

3. The rejection of claim 21 under 35 USC 112 first paragraph is dropped in view of the deletion of the solvates.

4. The provisional rejection of claims 21-30 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting is maintained for claims 21, 25-26.

Please note that the $-(C_1-C_6)alkyl$ linker of R4 inclusive of C4 of the copending claims. The replacement of two of the methylene units with an bioisosteric structure is conventional modification suggested by the prior art for maintaining bioactivity. No where in the claim or

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specification that the four carbon linker should not be of choice. Therefore, a case of prima facie obviousness has been established based on conventional bioisosteric modification. If applicants' argument is drawn to that all the species of the instant application are two carbon chain alkylene, then such limitation can only be found in claims 22-24.


5. Claims 22-24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Celia Chang whose telephone number is 571-272-0679. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas McKenzie, Ph. D., can be reached on 571-272-0670. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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